MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION): (a) and (b) A Committee headed by the Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Civil Aviation was constituted to inspect the facilities and systems followed by Vayudoot Limited, for maintenance of their Dornier aircraft and Garrett engines and to make suitable recommendations. The Committee examined in depth the various maintenance bases and made 34 recommendations for implementation.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) Does not arise.

Improvement of Runway at Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh

691. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the capacity of Gannavaram Airport in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that by the construction of new runway hundreds of farmers would be affected; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of expansion plan are as follows:—

(i) Strengthening and extension of the existing runway to 7500' for B-737/AB-320 operations.

(ii) Widening and strengthening of taxi-track and apron,

(iii) Modification and construction of terminal building etc.,

(iv) Provision of night landing facilities.

(c) and (d) The requisite land was acquired and handed over by the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Promotional Avenues of Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists working in Hospitals in New Delhi

692. SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Senior Physiotherapists, Senior Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists who are at present working in the Safdarjung, Ram Manohar Lohia and Kalawati Saran Hospital at New Delhi;

(b) since when each of them is holding his post; and

(c) what are their promotional prospects and what steps Government propose to take for their promotion in the next grade on the principle of 3 promotions during the service period?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) The reply is given in the Annexed Statement.

(c) Physiotherapists and Occupational Therapists are eligible for promotions to the posts of Senior Physiotherapists/Senior Occupational Therapists respectively, as per recruitment rules for the posts pertaining to the hospitals concerned. The Government has not accepted the principle of 3 promotions during the service period.